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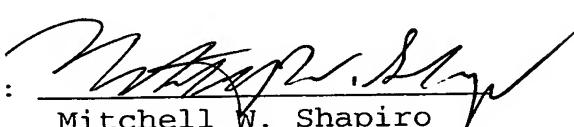
The claims have been amended, without prejudice or disclaimer, to avoid the surcharge for multiple dependent claims. Claims 16-23 correspond to dependencies that were eliminated from the original claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (XA-10583) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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